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IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD

PERFORMANCE REPORT

PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACHIEVED

FISCAL YEAR 2015

Board Members

Robert Andeweg • Anthony Gaughan • Jo Martin • Andrew McKean • Gary Mohr • William Monroe
• Kathleen Richardson • Suzan Stewart • Peggy Weitzl

Board Members

Iowa Code chapter 23 establishes the Board and provides that no more than three members of the nine-member board shall represent the media, and not more than three represent cities, counties or other local governments. The members serve staggered four-year terms, and the Board must be balanced by political party and gender. The Board elects a chair and vice chair from among its members. The Board is an independent agency of the executive branch. The following have served on the Board since its creation:

Robert Andeweg
Tony Gaughan
Jo Martin
Andy McKean
Gary Mohr
Bill Monroe
Kathleen Richardson
Suzan Stewart
Peggy Weitzl

Board Staff

W. Charles Smithson, Executive Director

Margaret E. Johnson, Deputy Director

Cindy Meyerdirk, Administrative Assistant

The Board's Vision

The goal of the Iowa Public Information Board is to facilitate participatory democracy in Iowa through education and training of its citizens and government officials in the provisions and applications of the state's open meetings and open records laws, Iowa Code chapters 21 and 22. The Board is to provide an alternative means of securing compliance and enforcement of the open meetings and open records laws through the provision of an efficient, informal, and cost-effective process.

Complaints and Rulings

In FY15, staff processed 847 matters as outlined below:

Formal Complaints (101)
Informal Complaints (151)
Advisory Opinion Requests (9)
Declaratory Orders/Petitions for Rule Making (1)
Informal Requests for Information/Action (571)
Trainings (14)

Board proceedings

All IPIB meeting minutes for the past year are available on the website (www.ipib.iowa.gov).

Board Outreach and Training

In addition to the fourteen trainings on how to comply with Iowa Code chapters 21 and 22, the Board has a monthly column that is sent out to its media/contact list that discusses a different topic each month. This column is printed in several different media outlets. The Board has also been adopting administrative rules to help provide guidance to the public and the regulated community with uniform policies, procedures, and interpretations.

Future Goals

The Board has only been operational since July of 2013. As such, it is still in the process of determining the metrics and measurements for enhanced future performance. For the fiscal year, resolution of the 847 matters brought before the Board were resolved in this time frame:

Same Day:	62%
1-5 Days:	21%
6 Day or More:	17%

The Board will continue striving to resolve as many issues as possible in an expeditious manner, but also to ensure that the issues are given the proper time and due diligence.

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